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The other two are non-gazetted officers designated as 'Assistant Veterinary Inspectors'; one stationed at Manantoddy in Wynaad and other at Topslip on the Anamalais.''

Lease of forest lands for paddy cultivation in this State.

* 125 *Q*.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any forest lands have been leased out for paddy cultivation in this State in 1954–55; and

(*b*) if so, the number of acres and the minimum period of lease?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Collection of security deposits from the retail foodgrains dealers.

* 126 *Q*.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total security deposits collected from the retail foodgrains dealers including bakeries during the rationing period in South Arcot district; and

(*b*) whether those security deposits have since been returned after the derationing?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) A total sum of Rs. 54,190 was collected.

" (*b*) A sum of Rs. 32,320 has been refunded so far after the derationing and the balance amount is being refunded to the dealers."

Collection of visual education fees from pupils by the Middle and High Schools.

*127 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Middle and High schools (boys and girls) that collect visual education fees from pupils;

(*b*) the number of such schools where such fees are accumulated without giving the benefit of visual education to students; and

(*c*) the steps taken by the Government to ensure visual education for students paying fees?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Six hundred and eleven during the year 1953–54, Sir.

" (*b*) One hundred and twenty-seven, Sir.

" (*c*) Reports have been called for such irregular collections and suitable action is being taken. General instructions have